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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7000 NOTE PREPARED: Jan 30, 2008 **BILL NUMBER:** HB 1204 **BILL AMENDED:** Jan 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Emergency Alert System Advisory Committee.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Crooks

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Kruse

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

STATE IMPACT	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		350,000	
Net Increase (Decrease)		(350,000)	

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill establishes the Emergency Alert System Advisory Committee to (1) develop, update, and monitor the effectiveness of the state emergency alert system plan; (2) make recommendations concerning acquisition of appropriate technology and equipment to make the emergency notification system effective on a timely basis in all portions of Indiana; and (3) through the State Police Department (SPD), purchase appropriate technology and equipment to equip local primary relaying stations with monitoring equipment. The bill appropriates \$350,000 from the state General Fund to the SPD for the committee's expenses during the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.

Effective Date: (Amended) July 1, 2008.

<u>Explanation of State Expenditures:</u> (Revised) The bill appropriates to the SPD \$350,000 from the state General Fund for the direct expenses of the Emergency Alert System Advisory Committee beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009.

The Committee consists of 7 members, 3 of whom are state employees. Each member who is not a state

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employee is not entitled to per diem. The member is, however, entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties. Each member who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties. Expenses related to the committee will depend on the number and nature of committee meetings.

The Committee must (1) develop, update, and monitor the effectiveness of the state emergency alert system plan; (2) make recommendations concerning the acquisition of appropriate technology and equipment to make the emergency notification system effective; purchase, through the SPD, appropriate technology and equipment to equip local primary relaying stations with monitoring equipment. The SPD must provide administrative and staff support for the committee. The committee's expenses must be paid from appropriations. Money received by the committee as a grant or a gift is appropriated for the purposes of the grant or the gift.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) The committee could purchase, through the SPD, technology and equipment to equip local primary relaying stations with monitoring equipment. This provision could reduce local expenditures to the extent that the local unit would not have to purchase the equipment or technology.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: SPD; Department of Homeland Security; State Department of Health.

<u>Local Agencies Affected:</u> Local units involved in emergency preparedness.

Information Sources:

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